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Suspect Oswald on Aug. 21 Denied Being a Communist

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 22 (AP)—Lee Harvey Oswald described himself in a radio interview here last summer as a Marxist but denied he was a Communist.

Oswald, 24, a one-time United States Marine who lived three years in Russia and married a Russian girl, was arrested today in Dallas. He was seized in the slaying of a Dallas policeman and has been charged with President Kennedy's death.

Oswald appeared on a panel called "Conversation Carte Blanche" on radio station WDSU Aug. 21.

He was interviewed shortly after a melee on Canal street. Oswald was arrested and convicted of disturbing the peace and was fined \$10 for his part in a brief scuffle. The trouble started when anti-Castro Cubans objected to his passing out pro-Castro literature. Oswald had identified himself as secretary of the New Orleans Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

(In Buffalo, N.Y., V. T. Lee, national director of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, said tonight: "We have never issued a charter in that area (New Orleans). I don't know if Oswald is a member. He could be. There are so many people all over the country

"I worked in Russia," Oswald said. "I was under the protection of the . . . that is to say, I was not under the protection of the American Government, but I was at all times considered an American citizen. I did not lose my American citizenship."

An interviewer interrupted to ask if he had, at one time, wanted to give up his American citizenship.

"At no time, as I say, was I . . . did I, renounce my citizenship or attempt to renounce my citizenship," Oswald said.

At this point, an interviewer questioned Oswald about reports in 1959 that he had turned in his passport at the American embassy in Moscow, telling officials he had applied for Soviet citizenship.

"It seems to me," the interviewer said, "you've renounced your American citizenship if you turned in your passport."

Answer Is 'I'm Back'

Oswald replied: "Well, the very answer to that is that I'm back in the United States. A person who renounces his citizenship becomes legally disqualified for return to the United States."

Oswald said his history as a three-year resident of Russia "gives me excellent qualifications to repudiate charges that Cuba and the Fair Play

Communist controlled, regardless of the fact that I have the experience of living in Russia, regardless of the fact that we have been investigated . . .

"Our aims and our ideals are very clear, and in the best keeping with American traditions of democracy."

An interviewer then asked if he agreed with a Castro statement describing President Kennedy as a ruffian and a thief.

"I would not agree with that particular wording," Oswald said.

He added, however, that he thinks the U.S. Government "through certain agencies, namely the State Department and the CIA, has made monumental mistakes in its relations with Cuba."

These mistakes, he said, "are pushing Cuba into the sphere of activity of, let's say, a very dogmatic Communist country as China is"

Castro Foe Details Infiltration Effort

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 22 (AP)—A Cuban living here described today how a young man named Lee H. Oswald tried to infiltrate his anti-Castro organization.

"He offered himself as a former Marine to train Cubans for an invasion," said

but Oswald, were dismissed. He was convicted and paid a fine."

Police records show an L. H. Oswald was convicted of disturbing the peace and fined \$10 last August.

Bringuiet, 29, has lived in New Orleans since February, 1961. He operates a retail clothing store.

He is the New Orleans delegate for the Cuban Student Directorate, a Miami-based anti-Castro organization.

Bringuiet said Oswald came into his store and "gave me a book."

Bringuiet still has the book—a blue paperback entitled "Guidebook for Marines." The name "Pvt. Lee H. Oswald" is written in pencil on the first page.

"He was a very, very cold-blooded one," Bringuiet said.

Bringuiet said he encountered Oswald only once after the Canal Street incident. They met in a radio debate on Cuba.

"The last I heard was that he had left the city," Bringuiet said.

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